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FOR: TONER, METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE TONER, AND IMAGE FORMING METHOD AND APPARATUS USING THE TONER

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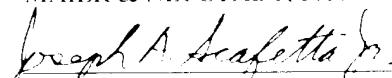
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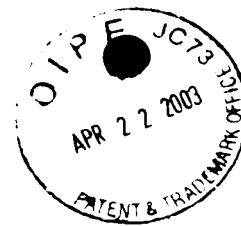
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